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THE WEATHER
Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with probability of local showers, mainly in northern and central Israel.
Outlook for Saturday: The same.
Weather synopsis: A barometric trough extends from the Black Sea to the eastern Mediterranean.

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem 54	7-13	6-12
Golan 54	6-10	5-9
Nahariya 58	8-19	7-13
Haifa 58	8-11	6-10
Tiberias 62	11-18	10-17
Tiberias 68	8-19	8-18
Nazareth 59	8-16	7-15
Afula 59	6-18	5-17
Shomron 68	8-14	8-14
Tel Aviv 61	11-17	9-18
Lod 46	8-20	8-18
Joricho 46	8-20	8-20
Gaza 54	10-19	9-18
Beerseheba 54	6-17	5-16
Eilat 58	10-21	10-22
Tiran 39	15-21	14-21

Social and Personal

King Baudouin of Belgium has appointed Dr. Amir Yezli of Haifa, chairman of the Israel-Belgium Friendship Association, an officer of the Royal Order of Leopold.

The Haifa Journalists Association held a reception for the press at the U.S. Embassy, Mr. Frank Scott, at the press club yesterday.

Mr. John Bonfield, President of the International Graphics Federation, yesterday called on the Deputy Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mr. Yehoram Meshel.

Prof. Yigael Yadin will lecture (in Hebrew) on "The Essene Gate in Jerusalem in the Light of the Temple Scroll," on Tuesday, January 16, 1973, at 6.15 p.m., at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 43 Rehov Jabotinsky, Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem.

IN MEMORIAM

The tombstone of the late chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Serl Locker, was unveiled at Herzl yesterday, on the first anniversary of his death. President Zalman Shazar, Premier Golda Meir, members of the family and leaders of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization were present at the graveside.

Horse, rider injured in old mine field

TIBERIAS. — A 17-year-old boy from Kibbutz Elna was slightly injured Wednesday when he rode a horse into an old Syrian mine field. The boy, who was not identified, went out riding with a friend. But the other rider reportedly stayed behind when the first boy crossed into a former Syrian position at Nukeiba, in the southern part of the Golan Heights. His horse set off a mine and was injured, throwing the rider, who was hurt by the fall. The boy managed to make his way out of the mine field by himself. Police said the area was clearly marked and fenced off. (Itim)

Phone system to be studied

Information about how Israeli subscribers use their telephones and how well the phone system works is to be collected by new equipment installed at telephone exchanges by the Ministry of Communications, a Ministry spokesman said this week. The equipment, built in Israel, will tabulate specific details about calls from the time the subscriber dials the number until the call is terminated. Data to be gathered will include how long it takes for the call to connect, its duration, what time of day it is made, and if it is a trunk or a local call. After the data is in, it will be fed to a computer at the Ministry. No information about the caller or the content of the call will be included, it was noted. The conclusions gathered from the project will enable the Ministry to expand its services and, if necessary, to teach the Israeli subscriber how to use his phone more efficiently.

THEY DO IT IN BEIRUT TOO

BEIRUT (Reuters). — About 250 technical staff at Beirut International Airport last night ended a six-hour strike in support of pay demands. A spokesman for the strikers said they had received assurances from authorities they would receive an increase under proposals approved in principle by the cabinet for technicians.

PHOTOCHECK. A new service planned by Discount Bank, will enable customers to have their photos, graphs printed on their cheques. They can also choose to have a picture of their firm's trade mark, product or premises on the cheques.

SEVEN MEMBERS of the Executive of the German Union of Postal Workers arrived yesterday for a week's visit as guests of the Histadrut.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our mother, sister, and grandmother

MINDLA REICH
The funeral will take place today, Friday, December 12, 1973, at 12.00 noon, leaving from Ichilov Hospital, Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv for the Kiryat Shani Cemetery.
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AT MIZRACHI CONVENTION
Burg attacks Habad
for 'lying propaganda'

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Interior Minister Yosef Burg (N.R.P.) lashed out last night at the Habad (Lubavitch) movement for "base, vicious and lying propaganda."

Dr. Burg told the 22nd Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Convention in Jerusalem he rejected the Habad movement's claim that the National Religious Party Cabinet ministers were "stuck to their Cabinet seats." "We would not be unemployed if we left the Cabinet," Dr. Burg declared. "We are there fighting the battle of the entire national religious movement."

He asserted that, as Interior Minister, he "attempts to correct de facto what we cannot as yet change de jure in the Law of Return." The Law of Return provides automatic citizenship for immigrating Jews and defines "Jew" as one "born of a Jewish mother or converted to Judaism." The religious parties have been fighting to get the words "by halacha" inserted after the word "converted" in the Law. This would disqualify persons who were converted by Reform or Conservative rabbis.

Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig called on the Mizrahi movement to support the Chief Rabbinate, which has been under attack by "parties who doubt the religious justification of the State of Israel." Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, he said, had not agreed to 25 years of variegated halachic rulings. He recalled that the Chief Rabbinate, during its 50 years of existence, had solved "thousands of difficult problems of agnost, mixed marriages and conversions."

Earlier in the day Rabbi Mordechai Kirschblum, associate head of the Jewish Agency's Aliya Department, hit back at critics of his

work in the field of "spiritual absorption." He reminded delegates that the Aliya Department was by no means under his exclusive control (the Department head is Agency Chairman Arye Pincus) and that his influence was limited. He had, for instance, been promised full control of the Agency's absorption centres — but the promise had never been kept.

Nevertheless, said Rabbi Kirschblum, he had achieved a great deal by introducing religious officials into the Aliya Department and appointing religious shlichim (emissaries). Jewish festivals were observed at the absorption centres and religious requisites supplied to the immigrants.

He called for voluntary aid from rank-and-file Mizrahi members in Israel and abroad. The N.R.P. men's organization could be particularly helpful, he thought, in tending to the spiritual needs of the new immigrants. The movement abroad should raise funds for the Religious Affairs Ministry to boost religious services for new immigrants.

Instead of criticizing the Mizrahi-affiliated rabbis in the U.S. should each raise \$1,000 from their communities for this purpose, he said. When he was a rabbi in the U.S. he had thought nothing of appealing to his community for \$1,000 for a worthy cause — and obtaining it, said Rabbi Kirschblum.

At present, 17 ships are waiting outside the breakwater, four of them for more than 10 days.

Go-slow by 130 men
cripples Ashdod Port

Jerusalem Post Staff
ASHDOD. — Port management officials here yesterday threatened to turn to the labour courts if the machine shop workers do not end their go-slow strike — started last Tuesday — by tomorrow morning. The port has been working at 60 per cent efficiency, as much of the equipment maintained by the machine shop men stands idle. This is the third time in the past three months that the machine shop men have called a go-slow.

The management says the present crisis erupted following its refusal to pay a shop foreman wages for six days he was absent from work. The shop committee says it presented a list of "reasonable" demands which the management turned down. "They want to make a test case out of us because we are only a small group (130 workers)," a committee man said yesterday. The stevedores' committee, representing the bulk of the port's workers, yesterday met with the machine shop men in an unsuccessful effort to persuade them to return to normal work. The slowdown has prevented the stevedores from earning bonuses for loading citrus fruit.

A local Labour Council official who backs the machine shop men, yesterday said the management wouldn't dare dock certain stevedore leaders for days they didn't turn up to work. The chairman of the stevedores committee, Yehoshua Forst, called this charge "slanderous."

At present, 17 ships are waiting outside the breakwater, four of them for more than 10 days. At Haifa Port, which was back to normal work Wednesday following a preliminary settlement of the national ports go-slow strike, another problem is plaguing management. A port spokesman complained yesterday of the delay in the installation of the new IL6m container crane, caused by an error in the measurement of one of the crane's two booms. (The supplier of the crane, a Belgian firm, had ordered the booms in Israel.) The crane was originally scheduled to have been installed last August, well in advance of the opening of the Zim company's container line on January 1.

Survey of frost damage urged

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Fruit Marketing Board called on the Government yesterday to survey the damage caused by the recent frost, and, if necessary, to proclaim the frost a "natural disaster."

A spokesman said the Board is doing all it can to ensure that no spoiled fruit reaches the markets. In many cases, however, such as with avocados, the damage is internal and is not visible — but consumers can return spoiled fruit to the Board and get their money back.

U.S. Jews still back minorities rights

By TOM TUGEND
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LOS ANGELES. — A study of voting patterns in the Los Angeles area has shown that Jews are maintaining their traditional concern for human rights and social reform, while weakening their old allegiance to the Democratic Party.

The analysis, conducted in predominantly Jewish neighbourhoods by the American Jewish Committee following the November election, also found that Jews tended to vote selectively on issues and personalities, blurring the time-honoured distinction between "liberals" and "conservatives."

On all income levels, however, Jews backed minority and civil rights causes more strongly than did the general population. This was more evident in the propositions submitted to California voters, than in the races for national offices.

One example was Proposition 21, the so-called anti-busing measure. The measure was generally interpreted as limiting the integration of black students into white schools and was bitterly opposed by the black community. In the "Jewish" precincts, the vote was 51 per cent against the measure, as compared with 37 per cent among all California voters.

Another touchstone measure was Proposition 22, which would have restricted the organizing rights of the Farm Workers Union, whose membership is predominantly Mexican-American. On this proposal 71 per cent of the Jews backed the Mexican-Americans by voting against the measure, while the comparable state-wide figure was 55 per cent.

On both propositions, surprisingly, the strongest "no" vote came from working class Jewish precincts.

whose residents are most immediately "threatened" by an influx of other racial minorities. "This suggests the possibility that direct contact across racial lines does not necessarily result in increased hostility," the AJC report stated cautiously.

The sharpest voting difference between wealthier and poorer Jews was shown in the presidential race itself. In working and middle-class Jewish precincts, President Nixon received 35 per cent of the vote, while affluent Beverly Hills gave the President 45 per cent of its vote.

Counting Los Angeles Jews on all income levels, however, Mr. Nixon made impressive gains. While in 1968 he lapsed only 26 per cent of the Jewish vote, the comparable figure in 1972 was 41 per cent (which approximates the figure of 43 per cent among Jews nationally reported by reputable polls).

The AJC analysis was based on a study of more than 27,000 ballots cast in 73 precincts with Jewish populations estimated as 75 per cent or more, and representing all income levels.



A heavy blanket of smog covered much of Tel Aviv this week. Seen from the south, the city can be identified only by the Shalom Tower, which rises above the smog.

T.A. smog said dissipating, but ecology man disagrees

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The freak smog which lingered for a week over North Tel Aviv and parts of Ramat Gan and Bnei Brak eased yesterday. A change in the weather brought increased cloudiness and eliminated some of the conditions which helped create the thick smog. The weatherman told The Post last night that if present conditions continue, the unusual smog of recent days would probably disappear.

He explained that there is a westerly flow of humid air and possibility of rain. "which is an excellent counter-smog agent." The phenomenon of the past week was caused mainly by dry and cloudless skies. "The dry air cools very quickly at ground level and prevents the pollutants in the air from rising. They therefore linger close to the ground like a blanket," he said.

But the Air in Petah Tikva's garbage dump, smoke from which was one of the major contributors to the smog, continued to smoulder.

400 women claim support from Nat'l Ins.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 400 divorced and deserted wives applied for maintenance to the National Insurance Institute in November and December, the N.I.I. spokesman said in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Under a law passed in October, the N.I.I. may grant regular payments to women whose husbands were failing to support them and their children.

The spokesman said most of the 400 applications had been approved. The law provides for payments of IL420 a month to a divorced or abandoned woman with four children. Every additional child entitles her to IL50 more. The scale is IL365 for a woman with three children, IL310 for two and IL250 for one child. Women without children receive IL160.

These figures are for women who are not working. Income from salary or other sources is deducted according to a scale.

Only women who have a court order for maintenance dated after October 1971 are eligible for payments. In many cases courts refrained from issuing such orders, because it was obvious that the husbands could not pay. These cases are now being reopened to enable the women concerned to qualify for payments.

By accepting payment from the institute women waive the right to sue their husbands. The institute will employ all legal means to collect from the men, including attachment of salaries, execution orders against property and — in extreme cases — prosecution, the spokesman said.

653 killed on roads in 1972, 4.8% rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A total of 653 people were killed on Israel's roads in 1972, compared with 623 in 1971 — an increase of 4.8 per cent.

Accidents were up 3.9 per cent — from 14,751 in 1971 to 15,335 in 1972. (The increase from 1970 to 1971 was 10 per cent.)

The figures, just released by the Central Bureau of Statistics in Jerusalem, show a slight slowdown in the increase of accidents. The Bureau warns, however, that the 653 fatalities figure is only an estimate and is likely to be increased by injured persons dying later. (The 623 figure for 1971 also rose later.)

The total of injured rose 5 per cent last year, to 22,080. The increase from 1970 to 1971, however, was 12 per cent. Severe injuries (3,790) were only slightly higher last year than in 1971.

ENCOURAGING DATA

In relation to the 11.5 per cent increase in the number of motor vehicles on the roads (from 296,000 in 1971 to 330,000 in 1972), the statistics also are somewhat encouraging.

Last year there were 49 accidents per 1,000 motor vehicles, compared with 53 in 1971. There was also a slight drop in accidents per million kilometres driven — from 2.09 in 1971 to 2.01 in 1972.

The number of injured per 1,000 persons in the general population,

Soviet writer, Victor Perelman arrives at Lod

LOD AIRPORT. — A well-known former Moscow journalist, Viktor Perelman, 43, arrived here yesterday with his family, in a large group of immigrants from Russia and Georgia. He was permitted to leave Russia without paying the ransom tax.

Perelman said he knew of 20 other families who, like him, refused to pay the diploma tax and were permitted to leave.

Perelman was dismissed from the editorial staff of Moscow's prestigious "Literary Gazette" on the day following his application for an exit permit.

He told reporters here yesterday that a strong stand by Jews and the support of world public opinion were necessary to help Soviet Jews get out of the U.S.S.R. (Itim)

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Weizman out in cold

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Herut's veteran leadership has squashed all dissent pockets of dissent to the rule of party chairman, Menachem Begin and has routed the support of Ezer Weizman.

Mr. Begin will find few opponents on Sunday when he presents his new party executive. Mr. Weizman has found himself almost isolated. In less than a fortnight has seen his supposedly solid support of supporters dwindle one by one under the dual pressure of an appeal for loyalty and the veteran party machine.

The final blow came yesterday when his ally Yosef Korman, M.K., who is party treasurer, told the Tel Aviv branch chief accepted Begin's offer to join the new party executive. A similar move was made by Mr. Menahem Yedid, M.K.

Mr. Weizman last night told reporters that he was not leaving Herut, and while declining to join the new party executive, will remain a member of the Herut Central Committee. He considered highly doubtful that he would be charged of the party's election campaign, adding: "I shall watch colleagues run the show."

As to his immediate plans for the future, Mr. Weizman said, am already head over heels in business. He is an executive of the Maritime Fruit Carriers Corporation.

Mapam sets up own fact-finding economic group

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Mapam leadership yesterday set up its own fact-finding commission to study inflationary spiral and come up with data to arm the party's representatives in Alignment economic policy-making forums.

The Mapam leaders took this following the recent meeting of Labour Party economic chiefs, at the home of Herut's Ovedim Asher Yadlin. The main participants, reportedly, were Finance Minister Ezer Weizman and Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon.

It is learned that they met to consider Mr. Yadin's proposal setting up the machinery for a national incomes policy that would encompass wages, taxes, prices and profits. This was said to have angered the Mapam leadership which decided to seek an independent course in economic policy making.

Girl, 18, killed, three hurt in car collision

BEIT DAGON. — An 18-year-old girl passenger was killed and three other persons seriously injured in a collision between two private cars Wednesday night on the Beit Dagon-Yahud road. She was Vicki Sonnet of Rishon LeZion.

The car she was riding in was driven by Eli Biton, 24, of Moshav Devora, who was badly hurt. The driver of the other car — which police believe had been stolen — and a 23-year-old male passenger, were seriously hurt.

Police said the occupants of the stolen car were men with criminal records, but did not release their names. (Itim)

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All citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies and of Commonwealth countries (except Australia, Canada, Ghana and Malta) who are resident in Israel but are NOT citizens of Israel, are reminded that they should register each year, preferably in January, at a British Consular Office. Failure to do so regularly may involve the removal of their names from the register.
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הכנסת הארצית

Wednesday, January 12, 1972

Out in Cabbies to strike tonight, Saturday

BAR-LEV: 'Only 5 firms failed in '72'

By HERBERT BEN-ADI

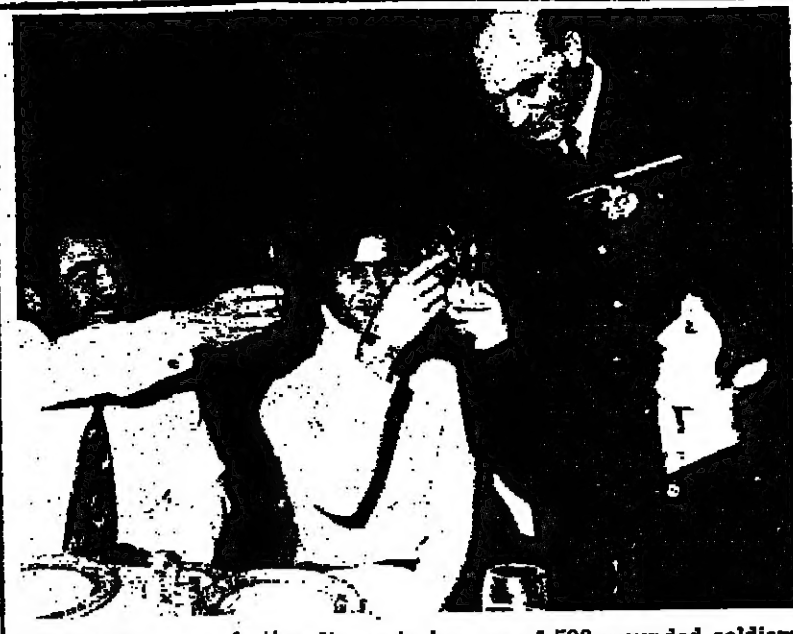
BEERSHEBA. — Israel has some 2,000 industrial concerns employing 50 or more workers — yet last year there were only five serious failures, including Autocars and Vered — the Minister of Commerce and Industry told students here Wednesday evening.

The Minister, Haim Bar-Lev, lauded the country's industrial development at a meeting with 250 students at the University of the Negev. Nowhere else in the world, he said, has industry managed to double its exports in less than four years — as it has done here.

Jerusalem, as the capital, must receive priority for industrial development, the Minister said in reply to a question. He cited, as an example, the new large plant to be built in the capital by Teva Pharmaceuticals next year. A great deal of industrial development is planned for other areas, he added, including the Negev — but care must be taken in planning because of potential ecological problems.

Industry will need some 3,000 new engineers in the next five years, Mr. Bar-Lev told the students, and there is already a shortage of chemical engineers and computer experts. Part of the answer, he said, lies in retraining new immigrants.

Prof. Moshe Fryman, president of the University of the Negev, presided at the meeting.



LEHAYIM. — A festive dinner in honour of 500 wounded soldiers was held Wednesday night at the Tel Aviv-Sheraton Hotel. Hosts were the policemen of the Tel Aviv District, who have "adopted" several hospitals where soldiers are being treated. The commander of the Tel Aviv Police District, Nitzav David Ofer (standing), toasts two of the wounded soldiers. (Samyovitsky, Israel Sun)

Kahane: 40 Arabs accepted J.D.L. emigration 'offer'

WILL CONTINUE TO SEND LETTERS

TEL AVIV. — Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defence League, said yesterday that 40 Arabs from the administered areas had already taken up the League's offer of emigration to Israel. Speaking to newsmen here, Rabbi Kahane said his organization would continue to send letters to Arabs asking them to leave — despite what he described as "police interference and threats to prosecute him."

Rabbi Kahane said it would cost \$1,000 to finance the emigration of each Arab who accepted the offer and that the J.D.L. was now in a position to "help" 10 Arabs leave the country. He also said he would go to the U.S. to raise money for the "emigration fund" after the police return his confiscated passport.

The J.D.L. circular — already sent to 700 Arabs and Druse — has been condemned by the Cabinet, and the Attorney-General has said he would prosecute Rabbi Kahane under the Law of Sedition. (The J.D.L. has apologized for sending the letters to Druse citizens, saying that Druse names had got onto their lists by mistake.)

On Wednesday police questioned Kahane for two hours and searched the League headquarters in Jerusalem, under orders from the Justice Ministry. A J.D.L. lawyer said typewriters were seized.

Kahane denied that the letters were seditious. He said the Government should help the J.D.L. He claimed the "baited of the Arabs for Israel" will not end with peace and that the present Arab minority will soon become a majority owing to their rate of natural increase.

He refused to divulge names of the Arabs he claimed had taken up his emigration proposal, saying they themselves had asked that their names be kept secret. (Nim)

DEMANDS ANONYMITY

Film writer gets order to halt script contest

Judging of film scripts in a competition sponsored by the National Council for Culture and the Arts has been suspended by a restraining order issued by the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem yesterday. The injunction was issued at the request of Jay Koller, a writer and director, who claimed the judges could too easily be swayed by the lack of anonymity of entries.

Mr. Koller, speaking without counsel, told the court that the local film world comprises only about 50 people who all know one another and judge one another's films. The impression was created, he said, that prizes were awarded to the best script. Entries in such competitions, he said, should be submitted anonymously — a precaution which was not taken in this contest.

The order — against Leah Porath, chairman of the National Council for Culture and the Arts; against the Council itself; and against Yigal Allon, the Minister of Education and Culture — asks the respondents to show cause why the scripts should not be submitted anonymously. It also requires the respondents to show cause why those judges

Hospital to get guardian to OK amputation for unwilling patient

A woman patient at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem is to have a legal guardian appointed for her — to enable doctors to amputate her leg against her own wishes. The hospital insists the operation is necessary to save her life.

Shaare Zedek requested the Jerusalem District Court to empower it to perform the operation. Hospital officials told Judge Miriam Ben-Porath this week that the woman had been operated on for a blood clot in the main artery of one of her legs. Complications developed and doctors became convinced that only amputation could save the patient's life.

In a written statement, Prof. Ya'acov Menezel, chief of internal medicine at Shaare Zedek, said the woman's feelings in the matter should not be considered because a psychiatric evaluation had found she was not capable of understanding her own condition.

Judge Ben-Porath ruled that the only way to have the operation was through a legal guardian and that one may be appointed. The hospital has proposed that Prof. Menezel be named guardian. (Nim)

Dov Blonder dies, veteran Beersheba

BEERSHEBA. — Dov Blonder, one of Beersheba's first residents, was buried here yesterday. He died Wednesday night at the age of 71.

Blonder came here from Rumania and worked for a time in the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department. He was active in political life, having been a member of the Progressive Party and later of the Independent Liberal Party. He is survived by his wife.

Former Brinks man gets life for Shalom Tower slaying

TEL AVIV. — Amos Orian, a 25-year-old former Brinks employee, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for murdering a company official who had tried to prevent him from robbing the firm's safe.

The Tel Aviv District Court rejected Orian's alibi — that he had been in his girlfriend's flat at the time of the murder — as a "total lie." A trail of evidence pointed to his guilt, the court noted, including his obviously guilty behaviour when he reported to work the morning after the murder.

Reviewing the crime, the court said the attempted robbery had been reported by the victim himself. On the evening of October 27, 1971, the phone rang at Tel Aviv Police headquarters. "This is Brinks, I'm being held up at the Shalom Tower," a voice gasped.

Arriving at the Brinks operations room in the basement of the building, police found Dov Livne, the firm's operations officer, dying in a pool of blood. There were signs of a struggle in the room, but the money was still there.

Suspicion immediately fell upon Orian, a new employee who had been hired only three weeks earlier. A Shalom Tower employee, Zvi Doron, reported having seen a man running up a flight of stairs with a pistol in his hand. His description of the man fitted Orian.

The court held the police were right in concluding that the killer must have been known to the victim, who was alone in the operations room at the time. Otherwise Livne would not have let him in. Also, only a company employee could have been familiar with the work schedule and known that Livne would be alone at that hour, before the night crew reported for work.

Another incriminating fact was that Orian had known there was a large sum of money in the safe, since he himself had helped bring it there during the morning shift.

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR — Fellow employees testified that Orian reacted strangely when he turned up for work the next morning. "At first he studiously ignored the bloodstains on the floor and asked if there was any coffee," a witness recalled. "We were all in a state of shock, and he asked for coffee." But Orian's jaw was trembling and there was a look of fear in his eyes, the witness added.

The murder weapon was found on a roof-top near the home of his girlfriend, Sarah Danoch, a young widow for whose sake he had abandoned his plan to go to sea and taken a shore job instead — at Brinks. (Mrs. Danoch was once married to Oded Kapitzky, the victim of an underworld slaying in the summer of 1971.)

Mrs. Danoch faces charges of complicity in the crime. (Nim)

Charged with locking girl, 15, in hotel room

TEL AVIV. — A man who allegedly locked a teenage girl in a second-storey hotel room was charged yesterday with causing her serious injuries — suffered when she jumped out the window.

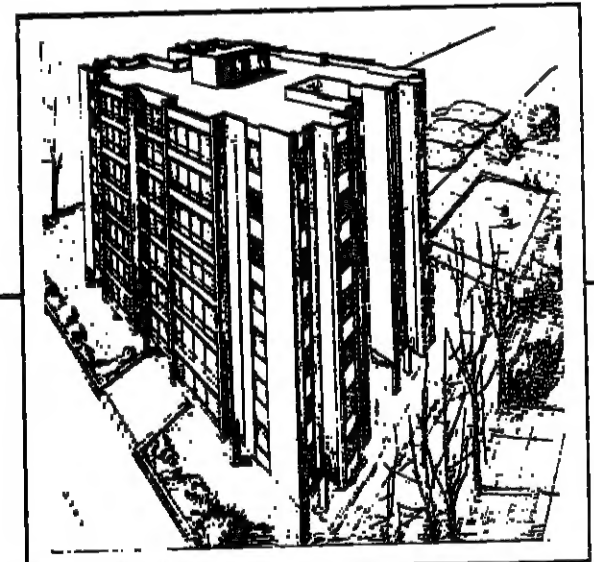
David Anusim, 31, of Petah Tikva was arraigned in the District Court here on charges of causing bodily injury, unlawful detention, and committing an indecent act on the girl, a 15-year-old resident of Migdal Ha'emek.

The charge sheet said the girl had agreed to go to the hotel and to engage in physical contact with the accused — but she stopped short of sexual intercourse. The accused allegedly struck her across the face and threatened to rape her. He then left the room, locking her inside.

The girl at first tried to draw attention by banging on the door, the charge sheet said. When this failed she jumped out the window, fearing the accused would return and carry out his threat. She suffered a broken vertebra and a broken ankle.

No date was set for the trial.

AN EXHIBITION of photographs and experimental building plans opened Wednesday in the library of the Nabulus Municipality. The three-day show was organized by the Centre for the Promotion of Islamic Art, a group of Jewish and Arab architects — all Technion graduates — who aim to modernize the Arab style in architecture.



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'Helpful' terrorist leader avoids life sentence

A 55-year-old terrorist from Jordan was sentenced by a military court in Hebron yesterday to a total of 52 years' imprisonment for membership in the Fatah, infiltrating into the West Bank, possession of arms and firing at a military convoy.

But the man, Ibrahim Ayoub Ait, will actually serve 12 years; the various sentences are to run concurrently.

The prosecutor, Arye Pak, demanded a life sentence, saying the accused had armed and organized terrorist cells in the Hebron area. Ait had infiltrated into Israel in 1969, crossing the Dead Sea in a rubber raft loaded with firearms and Katyusha rockets. The rockets were later used in the shelling of a neighbourhood in southern Jerusalem.

A terrorist cell "encouraged by Ait" laid a mine near Beit Givri, which was hit by a command car on April 20, 1971. Four officers were killed when the mine exploded, the prosecutor said.

The court imposed a lighter sentence because Ait had given himself up voluntarily and had helped the authorities uncover additional sabotage groups and arms caches.

Hamshari denied burial in Tulkarm

TULKARM. — The authorities have turned down a request by the family of Mahmoud Hamshari, the P.L.O. representative in Paris who died Tuesday of bomb injuries, to have his body brought here for burial.

"Tim" learned that the Hamshari family was informed by phone from Paris on Wednesday that their son's last request was to be buried in Tulkarm, his native town. Tulkarm Mayor Hilm Hamoun immediately applied to the family's behalf to the Military Governor, but was turned down. It is not known what reason, if any, was given.

The family said they were informed that Hamshari will now be buried in Damascus. (Nim)

AN ARCHIVE of films on Jewish and Israeli subjects will be established in Jerusalem by the Zionist Organization and the Hebrew University. It will include documentary films on Jewish communities in the Diaspora and the early days of the Yishuv.

Consumers group in Haifa sets up 'price patrols'

HAIFA. — The Consumers Bureau of the Haifa Labour Council is sending out consumer-protection patrols to check on prices of goods in retail shops to help fight unjustified price rises. The patrols are made up of members of the Histadrut and the Working Mothers Organization, as well as student volunteers.

The Council has set up reception stations in Histadrut and Labour committee offices and at Labour Council clubs, where consumers can present complaints. The Bureau has also sent out printed lists of controlled prices and other information of interest to consumers.

Consumer information has now been included in the local high school curriculum, including the rights of the consumer, family budgeting and fair trade rules.

"We get dozens of complaints every day," the Labour Council spokesman said yesterday. "We look after consumers' interests by taking the complaints up with the shopkeepers, in the first stage, and with their trade organization in the second. If we need we also provide legal aid to consumers when they take their grievances to court." The Council has also asked shop and staff committees to major firms here to support the work of the Bureau against overcharging. (See "Prices up" page 11.)

Id el-Adha, 5-day holiday, starts Sunday

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter — Government institutions and schools in the Arab-populated areas of Israel and the administered areas will go on holiday for five days as of tomorrow for the Moslem festival Id el-Adha (the Feast of Sacrifice), which begins Sunday. The festival coincides with the pilgrimage (Hajj) to Mecca, in which 13,000 West Bankers and 3,000 Gazans are currently taking part (together with half a million Moslems from all over the world). Id el-Adha is traditionally marked by slaughtering sheep, in commemoration of Abraham's willingness to offer his son as a sacrifice (Moslems maintain that the almost-sacrificed son was Ishmael, not Isaac, and that the scene of the sacrifice was Mount Misa, near Mecca — not Mount Moriah, as stated in Genesis.)

Arabic library in Haifa buys 7,500 books — own fact economic

Jerusalem Post Reporter — The first Arabic library in Israel will be based here with 7,500 books provided by the Ministry of Education. The library, which will be housed in Beit Arafat, the Arab cultural centre.

The purchases were made by armed assistants in Haifa, Lebanon, and Jordan. The library will be run by the Haifa Municipality, which will be housed in Beit Arafat, the Arab cultural centre. The purchases were made by armed assistants in Haifa, Lebanon, and Jordan. The library will be run by the Haifa Municipality, which will be housed in Beit Arafat, the Arab cultural centre.

Water project for Gaza to cost IL51m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter — The first stage of a water and sewerage master plan for the Municipality of Gaza has been approved by the Water Planning Authority.

According to the plan, the project cost about IL11.5m. for the water system and another IL40m. for a sewerage system. It will take 12 years to complete.

The project will be financed by Municipality and the Military Government. During the first stage, the project will cover an area of about 30,000 dunam, which includes the city of Gaza and the 10 refugee camps. It will serve a population estimated at 300,000. Gaza's drinking water is supplied from a well, the salinity is increasing because of overuse.

Josef Belgrade trounces P.A. girl hoopers

Jerusalem Post Reporter — The women basketball team of Red Star of Belgrade, the Tel Aviv Hospital girls, 6 in the first leg of their Euro-Cup games in Belgrade Wednesday night. At half-time the players led 48-33.

The return match will be played next week.

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Pompidou pledges to plead for Soviet Jews during Russian visit

PARIS. — President Georges Pompidou, who arrived in Moscow yesterday for talks with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, is expected to raise the question of Soviet Jewry and to plead for an easing of exit restrictions.

The French President told France's Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan last week that he intends to raise the issue during his talks with the First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party. He discussed the subject when the Chief Rabbi called on Pompidou to present the Jewish community's best wishes for the new year.

Pompidou said he would raise the subject out of humanitarian considerations. Both he and former President Charles de Gaulle had of-

ten intervened on behalf of Jews, he said.

The two French Presidents have intervened on behalf of Moroccan and Iraqi Jews and have also raised the subject of Soviet Jewry on a number of occasions.

Pompidou, who told a press conference in Paris on Tuesday that Franco-Soviet relations were excellent, flew into Minsk early yesterday afternoon to be greeted on the tarmac by Brezhnev.

Reports said the two leaders were in jovial form as they met and chatted in front of journalists before opening their talks, expected to centre on European security and the boosting of cooperation between France and the Soviet Union.

The two men smiled and Brezhnev laughed frequently as the French and Soviet delegations, including Foreign Ministers Maurice Schumann and Andrei Gromyko — were introduced to each other.

The talks, which follow an earlier meeting between the two leaders in Paris in October, 1971, are informal, with a loose agenda and no protocol.

They are being held in a modern building in a fenced-off estate some 30 kilometers from Minsk.

While waiting on the tarmac for Pompidou's Caravelle airliner to arrive, Brezhnev told reporters that the main subjects he planned to discuss with Pompidou were Europe, security and peace.

The Franco-Soviet summit, which is intended to be a review of major questions rather than an attempt to reach any concrete agreements, anticipates key international negotiations affecting Europe — including the preliminaries of the European security conference in Helsinki and the balanced troop cut talks due to start shortly in Geneva.

France has refused to take any part in these troop cut talks but Brezhnev told reporters that he thought Paris should participate.

Paris is boycotting the Geneva talks because it fears that they could endanger Western European security and because it regards them as the kind of bloc-to-bloc negotiations which the Gauls have always abhorred. (INA, Reuters)

Soviet Jewry parley raps ransom tax

GENEVA (INA). — Fifty Jewish leaders from thirteen countries including Israel and the U.S. met here yesterday to coordinate efforts to press for world action on the right of Russian Jews to emigrate to Israel without having to pay a ransom tax.

"We do not set the priorities for Soviet Jewry," said Arye Pincus, Chairman of the World Zionist Organization, who called the meeting. "They set the priorities, and they want to emigrate," he said.

Pincus stressed at a press conference that the rights which he and his colleagues were demanding were "respected by all civilized nations."

"The Russians," he said, "must stop trading in human beings and accede to the code of civilized behaviour. A person's intellectual property is his own and what the Russians are attempting runs counter to a world striving for greater freedoms not less."

Pincus estimated that 100,000 applications had been made by Soviet Jews for emigration to Israel, which have so far been refused by the Soviet authorities.

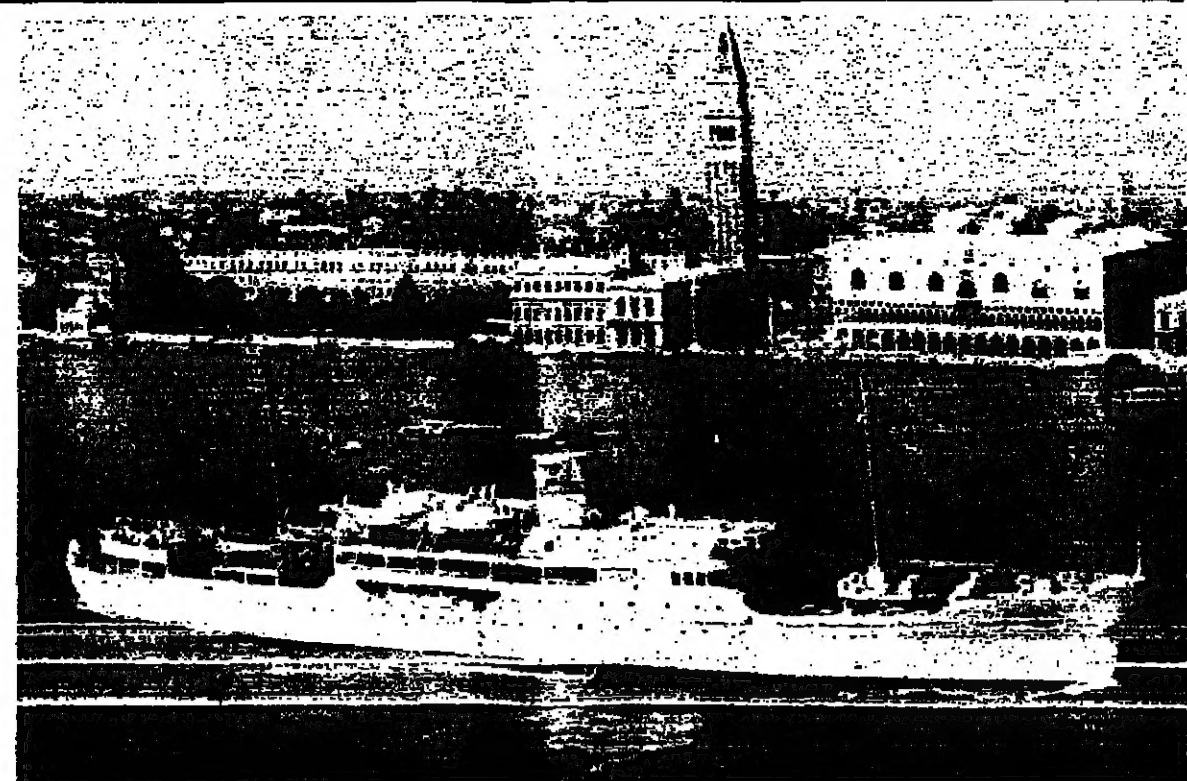


Photo shows the Italian ship Messapia sailing near St. Mark's Square in Venice. Reports said Black September terrorists were foiled in an attempt to seize the ship on its way to Haifa, when Cypriot police refused to let them ashore and searched their belongings and the entire ship. (AP radiophoto)

Nixon ends mandatory wage-price controls

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Nixon yesterday abolished mandatory wage-price controls except in the food and health industries. In their place, he established a system of voluntary wage and price guidelines — backed by the threat of government enforcement.

The surprise move — far more sweeping than had been expected — came as Nixon asked Congress for a one-year extension of his authority to control wages and prices.

No longer will large businesses and labour unions have to get prior government approval for wage or price hikes except in "special problem areas" which Nixon listed as food processing and retailing, and the health industry.

But the government retains the right to move in with stiff action to roll back unreasonable increases.

Nixon said in a message to Congress that his goal is to reduce the inflation rate to 2.5 per cent or less by the end of 1973. He said his 90-day Phase 1 wage-price freeze and his Phase 2 Mandatory controls had cut the inflation rate by nearly half — to about 3.5 per cent.

L.A. families win damages for airport noise

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Forty-nine families living near Los Angeles International Airport have been awarded \$365,700 for damages caused by jet airplane noise.

A superior-court jury deliberated for 13 days before deciding Wednesday that seven other families were not entitled to any payment from the city because their homes were too far from the airport to be greatly affected.

The ruling ended a six-month trial originally brought by some 100 families who said the noise damaged and devalued their property and harmed their health.

During the course of the court proceedings, the city agreed to buy 59 of the homes.

Paris talks pick up in longest recent session

PARIS. — The tempo of Vietnam peace negotiations picked up yesterday as Dr. Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho met for a fourth straight day and conferred for more than six hours — their longest session since the resumption of their talks on Monday.

While the chief U.S. and North Vietnamese negotiators worked on central issues blocking a peace accord, Vietnamese Communists at the regular weekly peace conference charged that the U.S. is preparing a major military adventure in Vietnam. They said Washington also is seeking the permanent division of the country, but swore the Communists would never accept this.

The Kissinger-Tho talks were expanded yesterday to include technical experts who have been working on details of a cease-fire agreement.

It was the first time the U.S. presidential adviser and the Hanoi negotiator had summoned their technical advisers to the secret discussions this week.

The length and new scope of yesterday's meeting did not necessarily mean that sufficient headway was being made to hold out promise of a peace accord in time for President Nixon's second-term inauguration on January 20, well-informed sources said.

But the atmosphere of the Kissinger-Tho discussions, which had lingered at freezing point all week, appeared to have warmed up slightly.

In Washington, the White House said another meeting was scheduled today at a site to be selected by the North Vietnamese. (Reuters, UPI, AP)

Lebanon arrests armed terrorists

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Two Palestinian terrorists arrested on Wednesday will be tried on charges of possessing unlicensed arms, judicial sources said here yesterday.

Security forces arrested the two men on the Beirut-Damascus road and allegedly found them holding 11 rifles, 20 grenades and four anti-tank missiles.

The sources declined to identify the organization to which the terrorists belonged. If convicted, the two men face prison terms ranging from six months to three years.

FLU — Hungary reports an increase in influenza, due to the virus responsible for Britain's flu wave, the news agency MTI said yesterday. Yugoslavia and Austria also report a rise in influenza.



U.S. presidential adviser Henry Kissinger shakes a hand during Paris peace talks on Wednesday. The handshake was considered a good sign, although the recipient was unknown. (AP radiophoto)

Brezhnev sees Vietnam war nearing end

MINSK, Soviet Union (Reuters). — Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev said here yesterday that the Vietnam war was approaching its end and little by little and that both sides wanted to end the conflict by peaceful means.

In an impromptu conversation with reporters, Mr. Brezhnev spoke briefly about Vietnam while waiting for French President Georges Pompidou to arrive.

"The war is going little by little towards its end," he said. Asked if the end of the war was a precondition for him visiting the U.S., Brezhnev first said it was not. But he then referred journalists to a speech he made on December 21 in which he said that the course of Soviet-American relations depended on Vietnam developments.

The Soviet leader returned to the subject while chatting informally with Pompidou in front of journalists at the country house where they are meeting.

He said he had been invited to the U.S. and had accepted, but added "as to when this visit will take place, we will see."

U.S. STEPS UP BOMBING IN NORTH

SAIGON. — U.S. planes stepped up their attacks on North Vietnam's pathfinders for the eighth consecutive day yesterday, as Communist attacks in the south fell to one of the lowest points in nine months, military spokesmen said.

In the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, Chinese-made rockets slammed into the National Assembly grounds and sent legislators running from the building. Two persons were seriously wounded in the attack, military sources said.

Hanoi's official "People's Army Daily" newspaper said yesterday that President Nixon was preparing to renew U.S. air raids in the Hanoi-Haiphong area. But there were no reports of strikes above the 20th parallel.

U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker yesterday met for 35 minutes with President Nguyen Van Thieu in Saigon. They last met a week ago. Their sessions presumably concern the Paris talks, although the nature of their discussions is never revealed. (UPI, Reuters)

Watergate defendant guilty on all charges

WASHINGTON. — A former White House consultant pleaded guilty yesterday to six charges in the bugging of Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate complex here last summer.

The consultant, E. Howard Hunt, Jr., entered his plea after Judge John J. Sirica refused to accept a plea of guilty to three of the charges, with the government dropping the other three.

In rejecting this agreement, the judge said that it was in the public interest to hold a full trial and noted that the prosecutor said in his opening statement that he would present strong evidence on all six counts. The judge accepted Hunt's plea of guilty to the six charges.

Hunt had tried to plead guilty to conspiring to break into Democratic Party headquarters, breaking into the Watergate building office and to listening with electronic devices to telephone conversations of some Democratic officials.

The three other charges related to placing bugging devices in the offices.

Six men — including another former White House consultant and a man who held positions at the White House, the Treasury Department and in the Nixon re-election campaign — still face trial in the case, which was an issue in the 1972 presidential campaign.

Before the second guilty plea was accepted, Hunt said that the prosecution's opening statement outlined

ing a campaign of political espionage allegedly ordered by top members of President Nixon's re-election campaign was essentially correct. After accepting the plea, Judge Sirica placed Hunt under \$100,000 bond. He was taken into custody by U.S. marshals.

Judge Sirica said he was setting the high bond because of Hunt's foreign connections and many trips overseas as a former employee of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Hunt's lawyer said he was considering appealing against the bail because it was impossible for his client to raise \$100,000.

Hunt, 54, faces a maximum jail sentence of 35 years. (AP, Reuters)

New outbreak of violence in Ulster

BELFAST (AP). — Bombs blasted Belfast's city centre and wrecked a Roman Catholic chapel in County Antrim yesterday as violence returned to Northern Ireland after a brief respite during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Rioting broke out in a Roman Catholic district of Londonderry.

A suitcase packed with 35 pounds of explosives wrecked a radio shop in Belfast city centre but there were no casualties. Two masked guerrillas gave a five-minute warning when they planted the bomb. Considerable damage was done to surrounding buildings.

A bomb in a milk can was planted in a chapel at Cribilly, County Antrim. It shattered a stained glass window and wrecked the chapel.

In Londonderry, a crowd of youths attacked British troops with rocks and bottles after soldiers made three arrests in the Creggan area, until last summer a stronghold of the Irish Republican Army.

British patrols fired rubber bullets and used tear and nausea gas to disperse the mob, but several cars were overturned and set ablaze. Crude street barricades were erected by the crowd and were later removed.

The three people arrested, including a boy and a girl, were released shortly after the disturbances.

Lebanese President to visit Cairo

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Lebanese President Suleiman Frangieh will pay an official visit to Cairo from February 12-15, it was announced here yesterday. He is making the trip at the invitation of President Anwar Sadat.

President Frangieh is also due to visit Saudi Arabia, probably in March.

Army denies new Syrian claim of 150 killed in raids

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER TEL AVIV. — An army spokesman last night strongly denied a Damascus report that 150 civilians were killed in Israeli air raids on Syrian terrorist installations Monday.

An official source in Damascus said at least 150 civilians — mostly old men, women and children — were killed in Syrian villages and towns during the raid.

The mayor of Dail, eight kms. north of the provincial capital of Dera, said 75 people were killed and 45 wounded in his town.

The mayor, Ahmed al-Haj Ali, said 20 houses in the town were completely destroyed and 12 others damaged.

He was speaking to reporters on a tour of the worst-hit area, arranged by the Syrian Ministry of Information.

The mayor said that 200 pregnant women miscarried and 450 cattle and sheep died.

Reporters, Arab and foreign, saw patches of blood which had splattered the black basalt stones from which the houses of the town are built. Bulldozers and ambulances were at work in the town when reporters arrived there yesterday.

They saw army engineers detonate the last of the unexploded Israeli rockets which fell in Syrian territory.

Israel has confirmed the bombing of a Syrian Army camp at Nawa and a terrorist base near Dail. But an army spokesman said yesterday, "The Syrian lie (on the casualties) is particularly noteworthy against the background of the fact that for two days following the battle, the Syrians announced continuously that only a small number of casualties had been caused."

"Only two days later did they make the false report."

In the earlier official announcements, Syria said that two soldiers had been killed and eight wounded.

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'The hijack buck stops here'

WORLD PILOTS MAY STRIKE

MONTREAL (UPI) — World air pilots warned on Wednesday that governments failed to take effective new anti-hijack measures would act in "collective self-defense" and strike "indiscriminately".

The buck must stop here, Capt. Forsberg, president of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots Association (IFALPA), told a meeting of members of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The ICAO Legal Committee is trying to find ways of enforcing various international pacts against piracy and other violence during civil aviation.

Forsberg warned that ICAO failure to reach effective curbs could lead to a worldwide strike by IFALPA pilots or a boycott action in countries sheltering hijackers.

IFALPA pilots staged a one-day strike in June, 1972, over the same issue.

The pilots' threat of a strike, he said, was backed by the 250,000-member International Transport Workers Federation, which said it prepared to support any measure to force governments to take effective steps to reach agreement on strikes for hijacking.

The ultimate responsibility rests with governments, Forsberg said.

"The states of the world must show that they are willing to close off any nation that has given haven to air pirates... They must act to remove the cloud of violence that hangs over civil aviation."

The ICAO Legal Committee session, expected to last three weeks, has been prompted chiefly by Canada and the U.S. The two countries are co-sponsoring a proposal that would impose sanctions against countries which shelter hijackers.

Pope wants U.N. to act on terrorism

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) — Pope Paul warned yesterday that the United Nations must take action to halt international terrorism and prevent letting decision-making fall into the hands of two or three powers.

The Pope, answering the new year greetings of diplomats accredited to the Holy See, said violence and international terrorism were increasingly worrying the world.

Nobody had a right to say that the end justified the means, that terror was permissible for legitimate causes, or that violent action against innocent people was valid if the cause was good, he asserted.

Tight security at Indian cricket test

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT

DELHI — Tight security was maintained during the five-day cricket test match between India and England, starting in the morning. Police have been alerted by Interpol that the touring Indian team may be attacked by Black September, in reprisal for arrest of a member of the Arab group in London recently.

The team arrived at Madras from a truckload of armed policemen met them at the tarmac and escorted them to their hotel. Armed guards have been placed at the entrances to their hotel rooms and two truckloads went with them to the cricket stadium where they had no practice.

The entire stadium will be ringed by armed policemen throughout the match, and there will be special security for the visiting players as they move between the cricket pitch and their dressing room in the stadium pavilion.

Japan opens Peking embassy after 35 years

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese Embassy in Peking was formally opened yesterday for the first time in 35 years. It was closed in 1943, after Japan's invasion of mainland China.

Radio News Service, in a Peking dispatch, said the 12-member Japanese delegation arrived in Peking.

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Rajah, a Bengal tiger, attacks Hugh Boyle, (top) 14, in Perth, Australia, yesterday. The tiger was being harnessed into a trotting cart to pull around a park for circus publicity pictures when it jumped on the boy, knocking him to the ground (bottom). Circus officials wrestled to get the tiger off the boy, who was taken to hospital suffering from shock and badly mangled head and shoulders. (AP radiophoto)

BRITAIN REFUSES Nato powers will pay Malta rent demand

BRUSSELS (UPI) — The U.S. and four of its European allies have told Maltese Premier Dom Mintoff that they will pay about two-thirds of the extra rent he wants for the British base on Malta, Nato sources said yesterday.

At the same time, however, Britain formally told Mr. Mintoff that it will not pay the other one-third — its share of the increased rent. Mr. Mintoff received the two reports "calmly," the sources said, but gave no indication whether he would accept the two-thirds settlement or carry out his threat to close the base.

The Premier demanded earlier that Britain pay £14m. more per year for the base. This is a 10 per cent increase on the £14m. rent which was negotiated last year and was justified by Mr. Mintoff on the grounds that the subsequent floating of the pound has meant a loss to Malta of 10 per cent.

Under the original agreement, Britain paid £5.25m. of the rent, and her North Atlantic Treaty (Nato) allies paid the rest.

Although Britain refuses to pay more, the sources said, the U.S., France and the Netherlands have offered to increase their contributions by 10 per cent, on the grounds that the pound's devaluation had actually saved them this amount of money.

This meant the five nations offered an extra \$675,000 more per year for the base. This was 84 per cent of the Premier's total demand.

In past struggles with Nato over rent for the base, Mr. Mintoff has won everything he asked.

Young guerrillas executed in Iran

TEHRAN (UPI) — A firing squad yesterday executed two youths, sentenced to death by a military tribunal for subversive activities, a government communiqué said.

The communiqué said the youths, identified as Mohammed Moridi and Mohammed Bagher Abbas, were found guilty last month of placing bombs in the Iran-American Society building, the Iran-British Institute and in stores, cinemas, newspaper offices and government offices.

One of the youths was also found guilty, according to the communiqué, of murdering police Gen. Said Taheri five months ago. Both were also found guilty of supplying arms from abroad to guerrillas in Iran, training guerrillas, and sending Iranians to Arab countries for terrorist training.

'Top-level' heroin smugglers get 25 years jail

NEW YORK (AP) — Two Frenchmen and a Mexican citizen, described as "top-echelon participants in the international narcotics traffic," were sentenced on Wednesday to 25 years in prison for possessing heroin.

The three had attempted to smuggle 264 pounds of heroin, which it was said would have produced \$80m. for American drug pushers — into the U.S. from Europe.

The shipment was diverted by an undercover agent into the hands of police in Belgium. It was said the heroin shippers approached a U.S. army sergeant in Belgium to convey the heroin to the U.S. in army footlockers.

Gilbert Bornstein, 40, said to be a Paris art dealer, of Amneville, France, and Enrique Barrera, 50, a Mexican national who lived in the U.S., were fined \$50,000 each in addition to the prison sentences.

Given 25 years without a fine was Richard Ben Sadoun, 30, of Paris, whom the prosecutor described as the "controller" for the heroin shippers. Sadoun's job was to see that delivery was made and the heroin paid for.

Another defendant, Jesus Jorge Enriquez, 35, a Cuban who came to the U.S. 12 years ago, was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

OBSCENE CALLS — The Kuwait Government announced yesterday it would impose a one-year prison sentence and a \$500 fine on any person found guilty of making obscene telephone calls.

Guerrilla leaders killed in shootout in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Six high-level members of the subversive Revolutionary Armed Vanguard (Var-Palmares) were killed during a shootout with police, and a seventh was arrested, security authorities announced on Wednesday.

In a note to the press, the authorities said the movement was practically dismantled after police arrived Monday night to break up a terrorist congress in the northeastern state of Pernambuco.

Among those killed were two foreign women — Pauline Reichstul, a Czech, and Soledad Barrett Viedma, of Paraguay — and a Brazilian terrorist leader, Eudaldo Gomes da Silva, banned from the country since 1970, when he and other political prisoners were flown to Algiers in exchange for kidnapped West German Ambassador Ehrenfried Von Holleben.

The note said Miss Reichstul, alias Silviana, 25, was born in Prague, and learned guerrilla warfare in Cuba. She came to Brazil less than two years ago to join the movement, which was planning to renovate the Var-Palmares. Here she met da Silva and became his close friend.

Police said they were led to the hideout by another suspected terrorist, Jose Manuel Cirino, who had been in police custody. Cirino was said to have been killed by his own former mates.

Brazilian security authorities say they are no longer concerned over terrorist activities in Brazil since they believe they have practically destroyed the whole movement.

The armed forces and police have killed or captured most known Brazilian guerrilla leaders, and thousands of real and suspected subversives are in jail on charges of "endangering the national security."

Tornado kills sixty in Argentine; 300 hurt

SAN JUSTO, Argentina — At least 60 people have been killed by a devastating tornado which cut like a giant scythe through the centre of this farm city, police said yesterday.

The bodies were recovered during the night and rescue workers continued to search the wreckage. More than 300 were injured by the howling twister, which descended from rolling black clouds Wednesday afternoon. For nearly 20 minutes the tornado cut across the city of 50,000 people, destroying nearly every building in a 200 metre path. Winds reportedly gusted up to 115 k.p.h.

A woman who identified herself as the wife of Army Lt. Col. Moyano said she was driving in with her husband and three children, ages 6, 4 and 2.

"We had just arrived from Formosa," she said, sobbing hysterically. "The tornado suddenly was on top of us. My husband tried to swerve out of its path, but it lifted the car into the air. The door opened, and I was thrown from the car to the pavement. I wasn't hurt."

Mrs. Moyano said her children also were thrown from the car. They were killed instantly.

"As I ran toward my children, I saw the car going faster and faster in the air in the middle of telephone poles, trees and other things," Mrs. Moyano said. "The car finally smashed into the Hotel California, a five-story building."

Lt. Col. Moyano's body was not recovered yesterday.

CHILE INTRODUCES FOOD RATIONING

SANTIAGO (AP) — The government introduced food rationing in Chile on Wednesday night.

Acting Finance Minister Fernando Flores, in a nationwide television and radio address, said the rationing system would consist of the "popular shopping basket," a package of some 30 basic food items to be sold at state-controlled prices.

Flores said the "baskets" would include such scarce foodstuffs as cooking oil, sugar, rice, coffee and meat.

He did not specify at what intervals the packages would be sold, but government agencies now sell similar baskets in poor shantytowns at weekly intervals for the equivalent of \$6.

The Finance Minister blamed the existing food shortages and exploding black market on counter-revolutionaries and "enemies of the people" who oppose President Salvador Allende's leftist government.

The anti-Marxist opposition immediately called the rationing programme "a Marxist dictatorship in the style of Cuba."

Sen. Jose Musalem, the economic expert of the Christian Democrats

LADYBUG — Two state senators are campaigning to make the ladybug Iowa's state insect. They propose it should not be "unofficially injured or killed in Iowa."

Compulsory service for Uganda graduates

KAMPALA (UPI) — The Uganda government yesterday published a decree compelling students to spend three to five years in government service after their graduation.

The decree applies to all students at post-secondary institutions, with the provision that those who are not offered government jobs within six months will be regarded as exempted.

If a student refuses to accept government employment, he will be liable to a fine of about \$600 and will have to refund to the government the cost of his post-secondary education.

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THE LOKSH—OUR SECRET WEAPON

By SHALOM COHEN

MR. Sapir has published his Loksh — the Big Loksh, the Master Loksh of the State Budget, the Government's pay slip and the progenitor of countless lesser coils of wage-earner pay slips. As befits its size, the Master Loksh comes but once a year, a father-figure to the lunar streamers which supply citizens with reading material of innumerable interest. Excuse me, your slip is showing — showing exactly what? That is the genius of the Loksh, the 40 point two percent question. (Loksh — derivation *lokshen* meaning vermicelli, a long slender strip on which employees' monthly salary, increments and deductions are listed.)

The archetypal Loksh mastermind by the Master Loksh, impressive as it is, is by nature no different from our very own monthly pay loksh.

The Loksh is Israel's contribution to modern economic theory, the first real breakthrough since Keynes. In a word the Loksh represents Stability, nothing less.

The theorem of the Loksh, put simply, is: the longer the Loksh the greater the stability. For the more intelligent reader: Loksh — stability development x social equilibrium.

The Word

There is sheer poetic continuity of our time-worn traditions. Lightning strikes and we stand witness to the handing down from Mount Ram, of the twin Inc-Expend tablets by the Elder, hard of tongue. The golden calf, of 40.2 alloy fades and has a dull patina. As in ancient times, the Loksh, the State's and the citizen's is the Word in parable, which is the medium of putting over a complicated message to the multitude.

Take an imaginary situation against a backdrop of sanctions, deadlocked negotiations, and eventual pencilled agreements. A citizen asks another artlessly: "Well, what are you making now?" The answer is, must be, unintelligible like a double exposure. For the Loksh, true to its parable nature, offers different answers for different conditions.

The Loksh, furthermore, saves the interrogated citizen 1) from embarrassment of losing face when learning that he is small fry indeed 2) satisfies the Israeli's innate sense of secrecy



Preparing the Master Loksh.

born of the security situation 3) does not make any commitment 4) affirms, tacitly, belief in old egalitarian values.

For 1973-4, a minimum of 37 items has been set for Loksh information, an increase of 20.2 per cent. As before, the confidential nature of the Loksh is further ensured by variability of terminology, style, sequence, typography, abbreviation, and layout. Wiggles, faint print, Linear Type B and other false clues take care of enemy counter-intelligence. How much you making now? Actually, it's difficult to say in one word, it's not simple.

The Link

Are you worth as much as a stevedore, a professor, a textile worker, or an engineer? A philosophical question that has baffled generations. A sharp economist, of the cabalist school, can find the answer in between the Loksh rubrics "basic, two-thirds on 73 per cent, one-third on sliding scale" and "secondary wear-and-tear increment, advance instalment semi-retroactive." Men, especially Israelis, are linked to a common fate — some to Engineers. Are you the missing link? Never, we are all one community, *homo sapientis*.

The resourcefulness of the Loksh is nothing short of a miracle. At a stretch, the vermicelli can cover purchase of modest dwellings at 250,000 a piece. But some say this is outside Loksh territory.

From the lesser coils to the

Master Loksh, of the patriarchal Twenty Billion, its twin tablets of "Total Revenue" and "Total Expenditure." How succinct the language, what economy of expression.

Ordinary Revenue. Ordinary! It takes one's breath. The Master Loksh drops "Transferred Revenues" — what does it mean? An official running by special from a bank in Tel Aviv to one in Safed over a dead weekend averting a bounce? "Royalties" 131 million, small change — must refer to huddles with the Lubavitcher or financial accommodations with foreign rulers since deposed. "Non-recurring items" — no, not the old mother-in-law joke again, Vered and Autocars, it'll never happen again. "Budgetary revolving fund" conjures visions of pilfering Ministers and their spokesmen.

The Faith

A tabloid note is struck in "Oil lines and drilling" of succulent Sinai origins, what the outlier saw. "Miscellaneous," the Master Loksh puts it, a round 14 million which, if you make a quick reckoning of so many glasses per day, must allude to official tea procurements. Police and Prisons come cheap, 21 million only, which shows how many are still at large. "Contributions and Rebates for Transport" is presumably what Egged lost by taking you two stops past your destination.

The Foreign Ministry's 62 million apparently has not been updated and does not account for income from several embassies to let, or for dead stock of some flags and welcome bunting. "Travel Tax," of 110 million, must be a rough figure — sure it costs me more.

"Interest and Profits" — that's really a broad statement, but since it's not mentioned anywhere else it must include the money they make from the bits of white left on the parking metres which they never used to. Revenue on a/o of participation in investment in communal — that's really getting prolix, and note the "on also" — is transparently the profit they get from getting Jordan TV gratis. Just a few examples of Lokshmanship.

The Master Loksh of the 20 billion parable, like its offspring, is not simple. But when it comes to belief and faith, what hasn't this small plucky race given the world?

DANCE

Batsheva's changed character

By JOAN E. CASS

EACH dance company has a distinct personality, composed of soloists' artistry, ensemble's strength, choreographic ideas, and the conceptions of the director. At this performance, I realized that Batsheva's character had recently undergone a total transformation; and I felt the disorientation of one whose friend is suddenly unrecognizable.

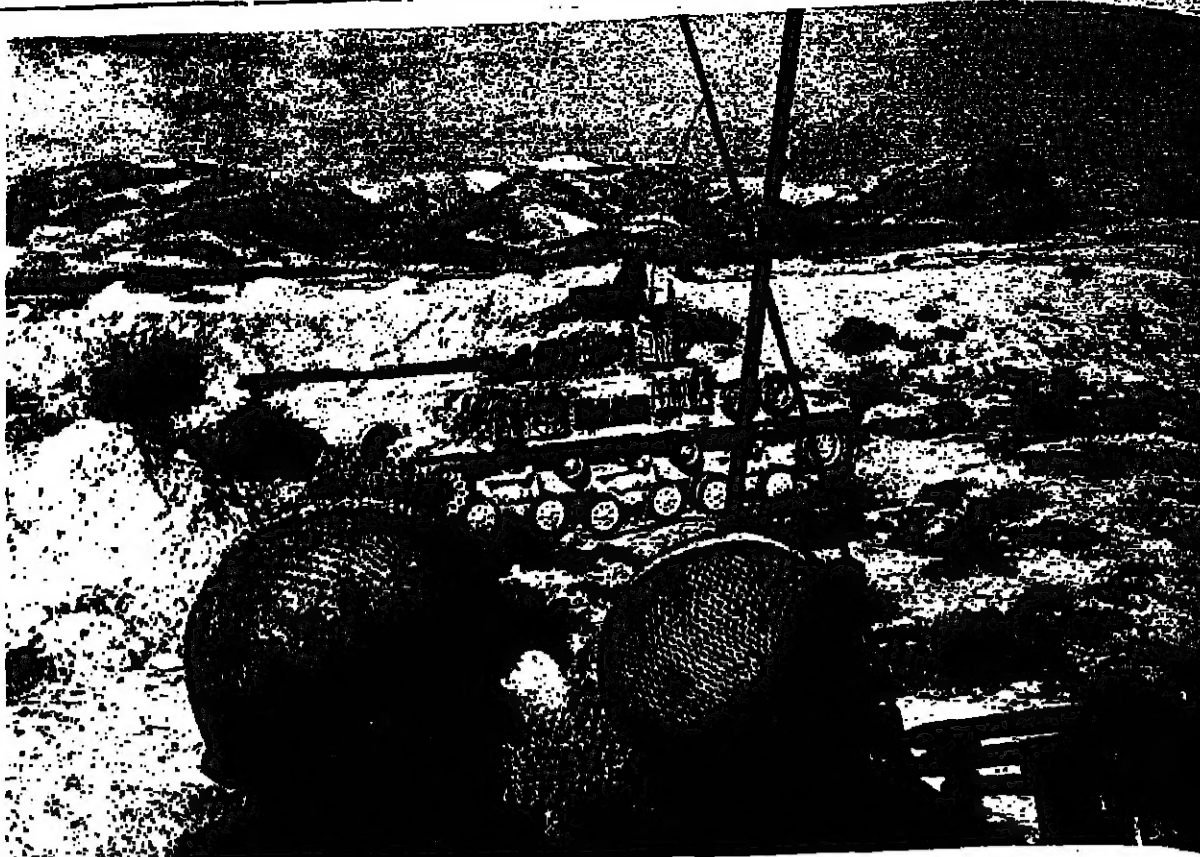
When I first encountered the Batsheva Dance Company two years ago, I was enchanted with its featured performers: Rina Schenfeld, Rena Gluck, Nurit Stern, Rahamim Ron, Ehud Ben David, and Moshe Elran. They had been working under the direction of Norman Walker, and they specialized in embodying the vital, dramatic images of Martha Graham, Jose Limon, Jerome Robbins, Norman Morrice and Richard Kuch.

What have we now? Of the former lead dancers, only Rina Schenfeld appears regularly. She is still without peer in projecting clear, sharp, integrated motion. Now there is an absence of other strong artists around her. This threatens a necessary balance between soloists and ensemble. Under the direction of first of Brian MacDonald and now of William Louthier, the ensemble have gained both technique and potency. As for the repertoire, it increasingly swings over to the abstract, rarified zone of kinetic sculpture.

Monday's recital opened with John Butler's "Moon: Full." I felt more movement in Zvi Avni's compelling score than I did in the sterile postures arranged by Butler. Spastic arm and leg gestures predominated, along with a tiresome approach to sex that has become his hallmark. His males always seem to drag, carry or otherwise suffer the weight of the females, who seldom get the chance to propel themselves independently through space.

Following his piece, Miral Shalom's "Lyric Episodes" which tends to be static, appeared to take on a little life — especially with the presence of Rina Schenfeld.

Finally, William Louthier's "Divergence (In The Playground of the Zodiac)" brightened up the stage with gaily foolish costumes, surreal props and elaborate (but at least energetic) interpretations of the 12 astrological signs, with silly jokes based on Martha Graham dance techniques and performance mannerisms. I enjoyed Ruth Klein's nifty Libra. Time and again she was required to fall loosely to the ground, depending on a dancer's closely timed entrance and last-minute catch to save her from a broken back. Gabi Barr's Gemini had a delightful aftereffect. As composition, I would have preferred something more integrated and less fussy. However I was very grateful at that point for Louthier's light touch.



Members of the Golan Brigade seen on manoeuvres in the Dead Sea area yesterday. The picture was taken by visiting Australian photographer John Walker, and will be included in his forthcoming exhibition of pictures from Israel and Ireland due to be held at the Dublin Museum of Modern Art later this year.

AUSTRALIA COMES BACK FOR SURPRISE TEST WIN

FREAKISH bowling by medium-pacer Max Walker enabled Australia to grab a sensational 52-run victory over Pakistan in the third and last cricket test at the Sydney cricket ground Wednesday.

Walker, 24, bowled 12.4 overs, taking six for 12, with seven maidens, to dismiss the tourists for 108. At one stage, Walker's figures were of 5 for 3 or 30 balls.

Australia's upset win was a complete turnaround after they were seemingly down and out after a second innings collapse Monday. Australia won the first and second tests.

Pakistan had the match in their grasp Tuesday night with 111 runs needed and eight wickets in hand.

BASKETBALL

IGNIS Varese of Italy ran up the biggest margin in the first round of the European Cup basketball quarter-finals on Wednesday night, defeating Slavia of Prague 102-80 in the Italian city. Half-time score was 51-38.

The Italians 20-point margin was two points better than the 18-point spread achieved by Real Madrid, which won 94-76 over Zimmental of Milan. Both margins were bigger than Tel Aviv Maccabi's 11-point edge (113-102) over Red Star of Belgrade in Wednesday night's game in Tel Aviv.

Real Madrid and Zimmental are future opponents of the Tel Aviv team, in Group A of the quarter-finals. Besides Ignis Varese and Slavia, the teams in Group B are Dynamo Bucharest and C.S.K. Moscow, yet to play their first game.

BOXING

WORLD junior middle-weight champion Kotch Wajima of Japan retained his title in Tokyo Tuesday with a bruising and controversial drawn decision against Brazilian challenger Miguel de Oliveira.

Two Japanese officials judged the fight even and the third gave the fight to Wajima — although the 25-year-old de Oliveira obviously believed he had won handsomely.

It was a case of a rugged fighter against a clever boxer, and the unorthodox Japanese world champion appeared to have been outboxed by his stylish opponent. Wajima, a knockout specialist — only three of his victories have gone the distance — met his match against the hard-hitting Brazilian, who hurt him several times with some perfectly timed right and left uppercuts.

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Spiritless symphony makes heavy listening

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, Alfredo Antonini, conductor; Yona Ettlinger, clarinet (The Jerusalem Theatre, January 9). Cherebini: Symphony No. 1 in F minor; Respighi: "Botticelli Triptych"; De Falla: "The Three Cornered Hat," excerpts.

CHERUBINI derives his reputation mainly from the fact that he was born 10 years before Beethoven and survived Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Weber, living into the creative period connected with Berlioz, Mendelssohn and Wagner (1760-1842). Most of his output has been consigned to the archives, and only occasionally does an overture ("Anacreon" or "Les deux journees") appear on a programme.

Toscanini recorded the Symphony in D major (on RCA Victor). Mr. Antonini was probably induced to include this work in his programme as a tribute to a fellow countryman (although Cherebini lived two-thirds of his long life in Paris).

The symphony — with a strong shadow of Haydn over it — made fairly heavy listening as it lacks the spirit and charm of Haydn. Not even the devoted direction of the

guest conductor could do much about this.

Yona Ettlinger, a musician of considerable technical resources and experience, gave the Weber Concerto the best presentation possible, but his two lacks inventiveness and inspiration, and only the perfect performance of the soloist made the work acceptable.

The horns blundered seriously in the middle part of the slow movement even though the section was not technically difficult. This is inexcusable as it needs only concentration and a professional aptitude to play the few notes properly.

The second part of the programme (heard over FM) was more interesting. The orchestra sounded full and precise, and a rousing finale was achieved in the De Falla with conductor Alfredo Antonini and the orchestra sharing equally in the success.

YOHANAN BOEHM

Row brews over Holon sidewalks

HOLON. — A draft regulation obliging store owners to sweep the sidewalks in front of their establishments has been submitted to the city council here.

The reaction of Holon store proprietors has been as angry as that of their Haifa counterparts where a similar regulation, the first of its kind in Israel, was introduced several months ago. A spokesman for the local merchants association said that "it is unthinkable that we would have to tidy up after each

passerby who litters the sidewalk. This would mean that we stand outside, broom in hand, all day long."

Mayor Pinhas Eylon said that when he was first told of the opposition to the new bylaw, he suggested that they voluntarily keep sidewalks clean so that there would be no need to legislate and later impose fines. "They did absolutely nothing, I now have no choice but to make them legally responsible for the area outside their premises," he said.

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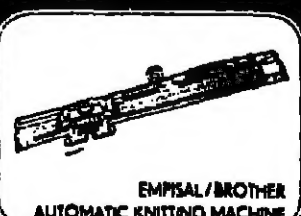
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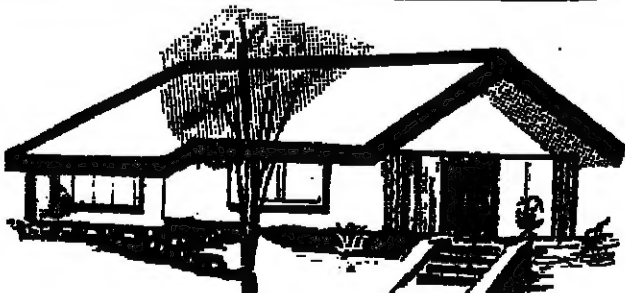
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SADAT IN BELGRADE

AFTER threatening Israel with war, Anwar Sadat flew to Belgrade to seek solace from the remaining leader of the non-aligned nations — President Tito of Yugoslavia.

In the past, Nasser's visits with Tito were closely related to his efforts to achieve maximum international support and political stability. Sadat's present journey appears to be no different.

It comes in the wake of student unrest and demonstrations in Egypt, and the apparently fruitless conference in Tripoli.

Sadat's intention to consult with Tito has sparked off rumors that the Yugoslav leader may be asked to mediate between Egypt and the United States for a renewed effort to reach a Middle East settlement. But sources in Belgrade have denied that Tito agreed to offer his good offices for such a purpose.

The Sadat-Tito talks must, therefore, be seen as a political necessity for the Egyptian leader, dictated by his deteriorating internal position and the need to rally Egyptian public opinion behind him. The trip also comes to remind Egypt and the Arab world that Sadat retains a measure of international prestige and can count on some international support. This support comes as compensation for his political and economic weakness and, above all, Egypt's inability to change the political status quo in the region by military means.

The visit to Belgrade is an attempt to show diplomatic motion. Unfortunately, the non-aligned nations long ago ceased

to play an important role in world affairs. They are still useful for United Nations votes, but their ability to influence the powers, if they ever possessed it, has declined rapidly. Having reached a series of understandings among themselves in the past year, the great powers are even less subject to the attempts of the non-aligned states to play them off against each other.

Two of the leaders of this group, Nasser and Nehru, have passed away. The third member, Tito, aged and uncertain of the future of his country after his own departure from the scene, cannot be expected to undertake any major diplomatic effort on behalf of Sadat. The Egyptian President needs more than declarations of support, which he will get in any event. He needs vast military and economic help which Yugoslavia and the non-aligned nations cannot offer.

Sadat is also torn between his obligations to Libya's militant leader Muammar Gaddafi — whose financial support he desperately needs, but whose extreme position on Israel could lead Egypt into another disaster — and his desire to show that he is seeking a political settlement. In Belgrade Sadat will try to win the approval of Tito for both his war preparations and his efforts to pursue a political settlement.

From Tito he will probably get some hard-headed advice to concentrate on a political settlement, and agree to the American initiative on an interim agreement to re-open the Suez Canal.

Gaddafi vehemently opposes such a move. So do the Syrians. Thus Sadat's predicament is bound to continue.



Sadat: The 'sphinx' begins to move



The Libyan head of state, Mu'ammer Gaddafi, wore traditional tribal dress at this week's meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The turban covering the face is usually used by Libyan tribal warriors when they confront an enemy. (AP radiophoto)

EGYPT'S President Anwar Sadat had in the last few months adopted a sphinx-like posture of "silence and patience." He has maintained quiet on the military front and at the same time has tried to consolidate his power inside the country. However, the events of the last few weeks — particularly the unrest on the campuses and the clashes between Israel and Syria — seem to have forced Sadat out of his protective shell.

On Monday — the day that Israeli planes inflicted heavy losses on Syria, one of Egypt's partners in the tripartite Federation, Sadat flew to Tripoli for urgent talks with Colonel Mu'ammer Gaddafi, who has been urging action in the battle with Israel. And yesterday Sadat left for Yugoslavia, where his meetings with President Tito are obviously intended to renew the atmosphere of crisis around the Middle East issue.

Sadat knows he must be cautious in both the military and political spheres if he is to retain his tenuous hold on power — apparently the prime interest of the Egyptian President — but the pressure he faces may impel him to embark on some risky adventure.

In contrast to previous Egyptian official statements — among them one made by Premier Aziz Sidki in Kuwait implying that Cairo is wary of a premature confrontation with Israel — the Egyptian War Minister, General Ahmed Ismail, this week said that Egypt and Syria were cooperating effectively following the latest fighting.

In an interview with the Egyptian army's newspaper, "The Armed Forces," General Ismail said that "decisions have already been taken to strengthen effective cooperation" between the armies of the two countries after a detailed study of conditions on both fronts.

Air chiefs' cooperation

The remarks of General Ismail, who is also the Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the Federation, were coupled with reports that the Commander of Egypt's Air Force, Vice-Marshal Hosni Mubarak, had gone to Tripoli for discussions with his Libyan counterpart, Captain Saleh al-Ferjani. The main subject of their talks, it was stated, was the question of coordination under a new "strategic plan" which their leaders had outlined after Monday's confrontation between Syria and Israel.

The new plan is due to be submitted to the leaders of Egypt, Syria and Libya at a summit intended to be held either in Cairo or Damascus in about a week's time. The plan

will be presented later to an 18-nation conference of Arab Foreign and Defence Ministers scheduled to meet in Cairo towards the end of this month.

Thus no major developments are likely before the meeting of the pan-Arab Defence Council in Cairo. Only then will it become clear whether the Arab countries will support the three Federation partners in their strategic plans.

If it is adopted collectively, the plan will eventually lead to two major developments: the return of Jordan to anti-Israel belligerency; and an attempt by the bulk of the Arab states to achieve their Middle East aims by economic pressure, directed mainly at the U.S. However, if most of the Arab states again refuse to cooperate, Egypt, Syria and Libya will have to "go it alone," and might well carry out operations on both the Syrian and Egyptian fronts.

Despite Arab military talk, Egypt is continuing its political efforts for a Middle East settlement in a bid to avoid a large-scale

confrontation, which could be dangerous for the Sadat regime.

However, Cairo's political chances are being reduced by Syria, which shares with the Palestinian sabotage movement misgivings about the talk of partial settlements involving the Suez Canal and Jordan's West Bank. Damascus and the terrorists feel that any such settlement will leave them out in the cold.

Heeding his partners

It remains to be seen at the end of the month in which camp Sadat will take his stand. If he is abandoned by the majority of Arab states at the forthcoming pan-Arab Defence Council meeting, he will be less able to resist the pressures of his domestic problems and the calls from Syria and Libya to go to war.

At the moment the Egyptian President seems to be emerging from his sphinx-like posture and heeding the voices of his Federation partners, thus indicating that a hot spring may still envelop the Middle East.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

Meir's visit to Paris

Davar (Histadrut) says that if attendance by foreign Prime Ministers at the Socialist conference in Paris implies interference in France's internal affairs, then Pompidou's insistence that the Premier stay home is an insufferable interference in the affairs of an international movement. The Socialist International is an independent body, and Socialist leaders may take part in its meetings in accordance with their own wishes. If the French President is really so concerned about his party's position because of the conference, he could have set the elections for a different date.

Ha'aretz (non-party) says that Pompidou's expressions of annoyance are likely to provide good publicity for Mitterrand and his Socialists. It is to Israel's advantage to foster relations with Social Democratic parties, and Mrs. Meir's decision to go to Paris is a wise one.

Al Hamsishmar (Mapam) writes: Pompidou's statement is an insufferable interference in the affairs of the Socialist International. Israel should not be absent from this important forum of the international labour movement.

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) suggests that the Prime Minister's attendance at the Paris conference against the express wish of the French President is undesirable for Israel. The Prime Minister ought to heed the views of the head of state of the host country," the paper says.

FOREIGN PRESS

Time may be running out for Sadat

The New York Times said yesterday that the clashes between students and police in Cairo last week reflect "the dangerously deepening frustrations of a society caught in an unbearable but apparently unalterable no-war-no-peace situation which leaves Israel's forces sitting on the Suez Canal in control of a large chunk of Egyptian territory."

"The students, less united today than they were a year ago, appear to have been subdued for the moment. In recent months the government has successfully put down at

least two reported coup attempts by dissident officers and has overriden an unusually outspoken challenge from members of the National Assembly. Nevertheless, time may be running out on the adroit juggling act through which Mr. Sadat has managed to keep the opposition off balance by loudly promising war while feverishly seeking a peaceful solution to the territorial problem.

"The President's popular evocation of the Russians last July has so undermined Egypt's already weak military posture as to destroy any lingering credibility in his militant boasts. Meanwhile, the search for an acceptable settlement in Sinai has been frustrated by Israeli insistence on substantive territorial changes and by the immobilization of American initiatives caused by the presidential election and Washington's preoccupation with South-East Asia.

"Although President Sadat continues to call publicly for military preparations — in which neither he nor his people can have any faith — and to denounce American peace efforts, there are indications that he is planning his hopes on one more desperate bid for a diplomatic solution."

Readers' letters

FORGETTING A FRIEND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Your leader of January 11 on the controversial journey of Mrs. Meir to Paris calls for the rectification of one fact and the recall of two other facts neglected in the Israeli press.

Mr. Mitterrand did not cancel a visit to the Soviet Union to protest the treatment of Russian Jews as you write. As a result of his protests, the Soviet Ambassador in Paris asked him not to go to the Soviet Union.

An omitted fact is the true nature of the present Socialist Party which has nothing in common with Guy Mollet's one. Do the Israeli readers know that, after the Munich massacre, Mr. Mitterrand's Central Committee refused to condemn the actions of the Arab terrorists, and, as a result of that position, a member of that Committee, the Socialist deputy to the French National Assembly, Mr. Arthur Nohbart, an old friend of Guy Mollet, resigned in protest from that Committee?

Another forgotten fact is that the contest in France is not only between Pompidou's Gaullists and Mitterrand's Socialists; the balance will most likely be held by the reformers, the Centrist body of Jean Lecanuet, who is a staunch friend of Israel. All Mr. Mitterrand's efforts are



Jean Lecanuet

now directed towards winning votes from the reformers and he no doubt believes that Mrs. Meir's visit could give him the aura of respectability which he needs.

FEED GOLDSTEIN
Jerusalem, January 11.

Tax rule protests

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As new immigrants of eight months, we would like to voice our strong objections to the new tax rules enacted by the Revenue Department. Our ally, took much effort, saving and planning, in making our preparations, we acted on the basis of our right to import goods duty free for a period of three years. Suddenly we are told that this right will be abrogated as of July 1.

As former co-chairman of the New Haven, Connecticut Hug Aliya and member of the National Executive of the Association of Americans and Canadians for Aliya, we can recall the practical problems of those contemplating immigration. We are certain that at least 90 per cent of these prospective immigrants will not come on aliya now. The statement of the Revenue Department that the new rules will not affect aliya is patently absurd. In fact, as we see it, these regulations are in reaction to the hostility of the Israeli public to duty-free privileges.

In view of all the difficulties, where are the loud and angry protests from immigrants and immigrant groups? It is not only for ourselves that we should be protesting but for all potential immigrants. If Israel is to have Western aliya, these new rules must be rescinded.

NACHUM and ESTHER
MARGOVSKI
Haifa, December 25.

OLYMPICS ON TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I wonder what justifies the weekly showing on our children's TV programmes of parts of the tragic Olympic Games. I hate to think that such a tragedy is still a source for entertainment in the TV sports programmes. We want the memories of the 11 victims to be perpetuated, but not in this way.

AVIVA FISCHER
Kiryat Bialik, January 1.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Reading today the letter by the 16-year-old Osama Qaisan about search for peace (December 27) encourages me to believe that we are a bit nearer to the day, as Golda Meir said, when the future generation who will read about today's wars will wonder, as we wonder now when we read about cannibalism.

TUVIA DANIS
Jerusalem, December 27.

Remembering George Eliot

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The letter by Kathleen A. Miller, "Remembering George Eliot," (December 12), is indeed a timely reminder of the debt we owe to the famous creator of "Daniel Deronda." It is more than due to note that the great novelist's sympathy and understanding of the aspirations of the Jewish people as revealed in the characters of Mordecai and his disciple — a Jewish now and disturbing element in Victorian fiction — was launched on her wide reading public over 20 years before Herzl, and before any formal Zionist organization existed in England. It is an extraordinary phenomenon from any point of view.

The Jewish element in the book puzzled and even offended many of her admirers, despite the acclaim of contemporary critics.

After a revival of neglect, there has been a revival of interest in George Eliot, her work in general and her last and many say her major novel, "Daniel Deronda," in particular — evidenced by a spate of new biographies, studies, and stage, screen, and radio plays based on the book. The most recent issue of "Deronda" is in Penguin form, highlighted by a fascinating introduction by Barbara Hardy, a renowned authority on her subject.

I hope it will be agreed that the

significance of George Eliot's contribution to our history should be marked in Israel during this anniversary year of celebration — if not by a suitable artistic function, then at least by a more widespread press publicity than our letters may be able to ensure.

LILY TOBIAS
Haifa, December 29.

EXCELLENT SUPPLEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Belated congratulations for your publication, "40 years of The Jerusalem Post." You have managed to present within its 44 pages, in a form simple enough for any reader to follow, a historical record of the events surrounding the rise of the State of Israel. The presentation of dates and sequences in chronological form creates a clear picture, unadorned by exaggerated heroism.

Reading it, one recaptures a sense of perspective which seems to have got lost in the daily battle of living.

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SHIFRA TAREN
Ashdod, January 4.

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